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WASHINGTON -- U.S. Representative John W. Olver (D-1st District) announced today that the city of Holyoke has received \$2,645,000 from the U.S. Housing and Urban Development Fiscal Year (FY) 1998 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program. The total amount of funding available for the program is \$1.5 billion.

"The CDBG program continues to be an excellent example of a federal program that works for the benefit of the community," said Olver.

"The CDBG program makes a big difference by providing pivotal assistance to communities that need it most," he added.

The city of Holyoke will use the Consolidated funding for housing rehabilitation, public services, and other community development projects.

On Wednesday evening the House of Representatives passed its VA-HUD Appropriations Bill, which includes funding for the CDBG program.

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